

# HEAVY BATTLE STILL RAGES

## RUSSIAN FORCES GAINING GROUND

Repulse the Austrian Troops and Assume the Initiative Do the Russians.

RUSSIANS ARE ADVANCING

Central Powers Are Said to Be Experiencing Difficulty with Bulgaria Now.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The latest despatches from the southern extremity of the Russian front indicate that heavy fighting is continuing with the Russian army of General Ivanoff gaining ground. One correspondent reports that these operations began with an offensive movement on the part of the Austrians designated to strengthen their line, and that after repulsing this attack the Russians assumed the initiative. It is evident that the Russian advance has now extended a considerable distance beyond the Strpa river.

In other despatches it is asserted that two great offensive actions clashed, the Russians having advanced as a threat against the Austrians in their Balkan operations, while the Austrians and Germans felt the necessity of improving their positions against the attacks expected from General Ivanoff, early in the spring. Whatever may be the facts there is no doubt the result of these operations will have an important effect on the Balkan campaign, especially in their influence on the future plans of Roumania.

It is reported with increasing frequency that the central powers are planning an attack on Saloniki, but they are said to be experiencing difficulties with Bulgaria, which, according to these reports, does not wish to participate in such a campaign unless it promises something more than expulsion of the Allies from Saloniki. In Athens anxious thought is being given to the seizure of the consuls representing Germany and its allies at Saloniki. It is expected that so far as Greece is concerned the incident will be closed with the release of the consuls under safe conduct.

Germany and its allies denounced the arrest of the consuls as a violation of international law, while Bulgaria has retaliated by arresting the French vice consul at Sofia.

England avails with the greatest interest details regarding the bill for compulsory military service, which Premier Asquith will introduce in the House of Commons Wednesday. It is announced that Ireland will come within the scope of the bill.

Opposition to the measure, according to some newspapers, probably will be divided into two parties, one opposing conscription in any form, and the other, while admitting the necessity of some kind of compulsion, opposing enlargement of the army.

## YEAR BOOK IS TO BE ISSUED

By the Senior Class of Washington Irving High School.

Plans for "Reminiscences," the first year book of Washington Irving high school have been decided upon and work toward completing them is now under way.

"We have sold about twenty pages of advertising which assures us of a financial success," states Joseph H. Rosenzweig, business manager, and the editors are now busily engaged in filling the other hundred or more pages with good live, interesting reading matter."

The year book movement has been a long needed one. It shall benefit the school, have been decided upon and form a permanent tie between the alumni and the students.

The plans for the book are as follows:

Size, nine by twelve inches, bound durably.

Title page and dedication followed by cut and floor plan of the Washington Irving high school building.

Short history of Clarkburg high school by Prof. F. L. Burdette, dealing with the growth and development from its establishment in 1884 to its present high plane of perfection and efficiency.

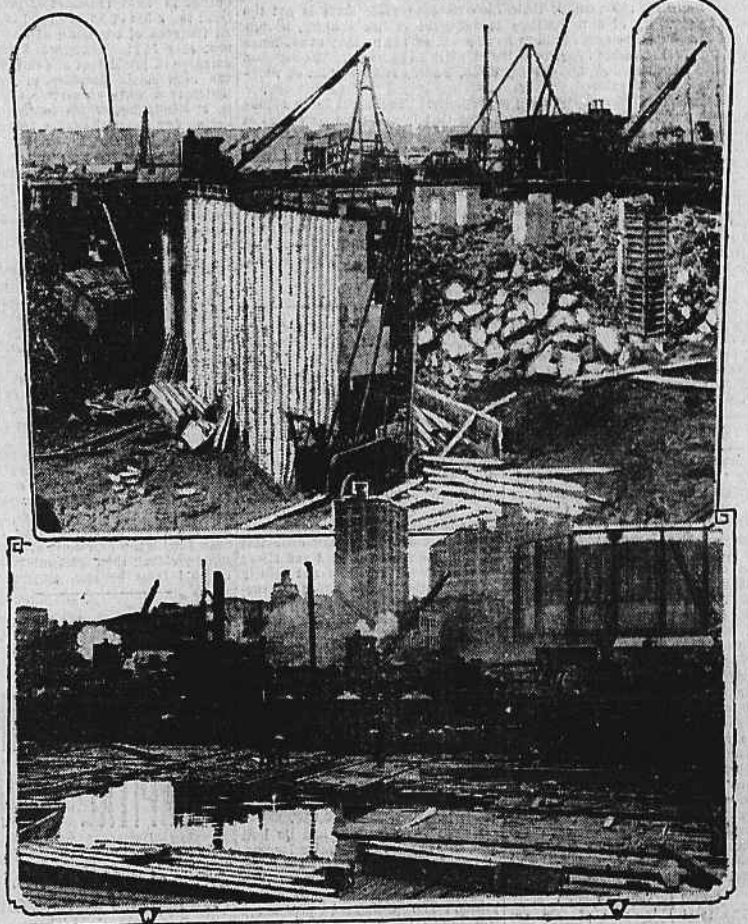
Separate departments in the book will be literary, alumni, athletic (including football, basketball and baseball), domestic science, music and jobs.

Each department shall be introduced by an artistic engraving. There will also appear numerous other illustrations throughout the book.

Subscriptions for the year book, which will be ready for delivery by the first of April, are being taken at \$1 each. A good sale is assured, and the venture is expected to be a success.

The year book is being published under the supervision of the senior class. Those of the students who have the book in charge are Dean Ward, editor in chief; Miss Ruby Roberts, assistant editor; Joseph H. Rosenzweig, business manager; and Malden Stout, assistant business manager.

## NEW YORK CITY BUILDING THE WORLD'S GREATEST COFFER-DAM



Top, looking toward the coffer-dam, pier in course of construction; bottom, section of coffer-dam as seen from river.

Here are new photographs of the world's greatest coffer-dam, being built by New York city from 44th street to 46th street, curbing the Hudson River. More than 15,000 cubic yards of rock are being blasted and drilled out to make way for the city's new inshore berths to accommodate the new 1,000-foot ocean liners which are expected to grace the harbor after the war.

## CRISIS MOVING FORWARD FAST

### PEACE PARTY

Will Travel through Germany on a Special Train to The Hague Friday.

COPENHAGEN, via London, Jan. 3.—The German government has granted the Ford peace expedition permission to travel to The Hague through Germany by special train. The party will leave Copenhagen next Friday.

The final arrangements for the trip were made through the German consul in Copenhagen.

The conditions under which the Americans will travel are strict. Their train will be sealed, everyone being locked within. No one will be permitted to touch German soil during the journey. The members of the mission will not be permitted to carry written, printed or typewritten paper. The concealment of any paper, even of an innocent character, will result in confiscation of the entire party. Other things that the party must abandon before reaching Germany are cameras, postcards and opera glasses. It is announced that the expedition will disband at The Hague on January 12.

And President Wilson is to Hurry Back to Washington City Tonight.

### TO GATHER AFFIDAVITS

Charge of Austrian Embassy Asks That Judgment Be Suspended at Present.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The new international crisis brought on by the Teutonic submarine campaign in the Mediterranean moved forward swiftly today and was marked by several outstanding developments.

President Wilson has cut short his honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va., and will leave there tonight, arriving in the capital early tomorrow to take personal charge of the situation.

Baron Zwiadinek, charge of the Austrian embassy, assured Secretary Lansing that should it be found an Austrian submarine sunk the Persia with loss of American lives his government would promptly give reparation and satisfaction. He asked that judgment be suspended until all the facts were known.

The state department instructed Ambassador Penfield at Vienna to make inquiries for information looking to determine the nationality of the submarine and in any event develop the facts in the case.

Consuls and consular agents in the vicinity of Alexandria were instructed to gather affidavits from the Persia's survivors and any others which might throw light on the situation.

The fact that the Persia mounted one gun was disclosed in a despatch from American Consul Garrels at Alexandria. What effect that will have on the situation cannot be definitely determined until it is known whether the gun was mounted for offense or defense.

Everywhere in Washington is official and diplomatic circles and at the capitol, where Congress reconvenes tomorrow after the holiday recess, the situation was viewed as fraught with grave eventualities.

### NIGHT SCHOOL

Enrollment is in Progress at the Washington Irving High School Building.

Enrollment for the night school in the Washington Irving high school building is being engaged in at the superintendent's office in the building. The school will begin next Monday night. It will be conducted from 7 to 9 o'clock every school evening in four periods. All persons between 15 and 21 years of age will be given free instruction and those over 21 years will be charged at the rate of \$1 per month, if they take all the periods, or twenty-five cents a month for a period.

### BURIED AT MORGANTOWN.

The burial of the body of Miss Vada Hinkle, who died Friday at Stealey Heights, was made Sunday at Morgantown. Miss Hinkle resided in Pittsburgh until compelled to some to the home of her father recently by illness. Her last days were made easier by the constant and kind attention given her by members of the family, including her stepmother.

### ENDS HONEYMOON.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Jan. 3.—President Wilson will cut short his honeymoon and start back to Washington tonight because of the new developments in the international situation caused by the destruction of the British liner Persia.

## GERMAN SUCCESSES IN THE WEST DISTRICT

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—German troops made an attack on a wide front north of the road between LaBassee and Bethune yesterday after conducting mining operations on a large scale. The war office announced today that the occupants of one trench were hurled by an explosion, or shot down and that in some other positions the Allied troops fled.

French artillery on January 1 shelled the town of Lutterbach in Alsace. The announcement says one girl was killed and one woman and three children were wounded, as they were leaving church.

On the eastern front the Russians continue their operations with patrols and other small detachments but without success.

## FREIGHTER SUNK

By a Submarine According to Advices Just Received by Owner of the Vessel.

TOKIO, Jan. 3.—The owner of the Japanese freighter Kenkoku Maru has been advised that the vessel was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on December 29. The members of the crew were landed at Cannes, France. The Kenkoku Maru was under charter by a foreigner. It was loaded with hemp at Manila and sailed for Italy and England.

It was a steamer of 2,109 tons. It sailed from Manila November 6.

## GENERAL ALEXIEFF REAL HEAD OF ARMY



General Alexieff.

Though the czar is the nominal commander-in-chief of the Russian army, it is no secret that the real man at the head is General Michel Vassilievitch Alexieff, who is the nominal chief of the general staff. He seems to be the man who has come through the close sifting of time and stress. Since he took charge there has been a new spirit in the Russian army.

## FREIGHT TRAIN HITS WHISKEY

But Some is Left and Lloyd and Aubrey Duff Are Arrested.

Lloyd Duff and his son, Aubrey, are under bonds to appear within a day or two for trials in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court under charges of violating the prohibition law. They were arrested early Sunday morning by J. H. Tenney, deputy state commissioner of prohibition, assisted by deputy sheriffs, as they alighted from eastbound passenger train No. 2 at the local railroad station.

A quantity of intoxicants in labelled containers was brought to the city by the Duffs, according to the officers, but the most of it was destroyed by a passing freight train upon an adjoining track, where it had been set while the Duffs were getting off on the "blind" side of the train. That not destroyed was seized by the officers and taken to the basement of the county jail.

The Duffs remained in jail the most of Sunday, but obtained their release in the evening by furnishing bond.

## STEAMSHIP SUNK

In the Mediterranean Sea and There Are About 100 Survivors Reported.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The British steamship Glenlyne has been sunk. There are about 100 survivors.

The Glenlyne sailed from Shanghai for London on November 25. It was last reported at Singapore on December 6. Its route would take it through the Suez canal and the Mediterranean and it may be assumed it was sunk in the Mediterranean as were the Persia, Ville de la Clotat, Yasaka Maru and several other steamships.

The Glenlyne was one of the largest steamships which have been sunk since the activity of submarines in the Mediterranean became pronounced. Its gross tonnage was 3,385. It was owned by the Glen line of Glasgow and was the largest steamship of that line.

## VAN HORN DEAD.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 3.—Colonel Robert Thompson Van Horn, founder of the Kansas City Journal and pioneer journalist and statesman of the middle West, died at his home here today. He was 91 years old. Death was due to the infirmities of age.

## VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR PASSES AWAY

Joseph G. Mason, Member of Stonewall Brigade, Dies after Short Illness.

Joseph G. Mason, aged 71 years, a Civil War veteran, died at 7 o'clock Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Emeline Carr, 253 East Main street, after a short illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Mason was born in Virginia and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted in the Stonewall brigade and fought through the entire war, taking part in a number of the most important battles fought during the war. At the close of the war he moved to Beltsville, Md., where he was employed for a number of years as agent by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. About ten years ago he was compelled to resign this position on account of his eyesight failing him, and since that time he has led a retired life. He was a member of the Masonic lodge.

Surviving relatives of the deceased man are his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Mason, and Mrs. Guy Crook, of Ravenswood; Miss Zella Mason, of Portland, Md., and Miss Madge Mason, of this city, daughters.

Mrs. Mason is a daughter of Mrs. Emeline Carr, and she and her husband came here about a month ago to visit her mother and Mr. Mason was taken ill.

The funeral services will be held at the Carr home Thursday morning. The Rev. Charles B. Mitchell, rector of Christ Episcopal church, will have charge of the services and the burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

## GERMAN EMPEROR

Is Reported in Dispatches from Switzerland and Italy as Seriously Ill.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Despatches from Switzerland and Italy continue to affirm that the illness of Emperor William is serious. It is stated that he was operated on last Wednesday successfully but that the nature of the operation is not specified.

It is stated that the emperor is suffering from a deep-seated affection of which the cutaneous eruption is but an incidental symptom and the malady is complicated by the reappearance of his old throat trouble which has extended to his mouth. It is even asserted that it will be necessary to provide him with an artificial palate made of silver.

## TO PREACH.

The Rev. Dr. L. E. Resseger, of Buckhannon, Methodist Episcopal district superintendent, will preach at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night in the Northview Baptist church.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Henson Sharp, proprietor of the Waldo hotel barber shop, underwent a surgical operation Monday morning at a local hospital. It was successful and his speedy recovery is now expected.

## RATES REFUSED.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Proposals for new combinations of rates which would raise the freight rate on coal twenty to sixty cents a ton from the Kanawha and Big Sandy fields in West Virginia and Kentucky to points in central Kentucky were disapproved today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

## DIVORCE CASE

Of Regina Gordon against Eugene Gordon is on Trial in the Circuit Court.

The January term of the circuit court with Judge Haymond Maxwell sitting began Monday morning. The docket was called and about seventy-five cases were set for trial.

Cases were dropped and dismissed as follows:

Clara E. Marckle against Elmer V. Lowe et al.

The Grass Run Oil and Gas Company against M. A. Samples.

The state for the use of C. C. Morgan against Jasper S. Kyle et al.

Fred L. Booher against the Baltimore and Ohio.

Charles O. Danley against the city.

The Bessemer Gas Engine Company against Jasper S. Kyle et al. et al.

Alfred DeBroux against the traction company.

The Bruce Sewing Machine Company against Carl Myers et al.

The Conservative Life Insurance Company against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

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## JAPANESE WARSHIPS

Will Sail for Suez Canal Presumably to Protect Japanese Shipping.

TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 3.—Announcement is made by the Jiji Shimpo that a squadron of Japanese warships will sail for the Suez canal presumably to protect Japanese shipping. It is said the armored cruisers Kasuga, Tokiwa and Chikuma have been assigned for this service.

The reported decision of the Japanese government to send a squadron to the Suez canal follows the sinking of two Japanese steamships in the Mediterranean. The passenger liner Yasaka Maru was torpedoed off Port Said on December 31. The freighter Kenkoku Maru was sunk by a submarine on December 29. Those on board both vessels were rescued. The Japan Mail Steamship Company, which controls the bulk of Japanese shipping, has abandoned the Suez route.

Enrique Soro, one of the best known figures of the musical world of the Americas, has come to Washington especially to lead in the singing of the "Pan-American Hymn" that was sung by a selected chorus of 125 voices at the opening of the Pan-American Scientific Congress. Mr. Soro, director of viols and composition in the Conservatory of Music of Chile, is the composer of the hymn. He took first prize in 1904 at the Conservatory of Music, Milan, Italy, and has won many honors in Latin-America by his compositions.

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## CITIZENS' TICKET DEFINES POSITION

COMES FROM CHILE TO LEAD SINGING OF PAN-AMERICAN HYMN



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In Town Affairs and Pledges Its Best Efforts if Elected to Office.

We, the undersigned, having been duly nominated as candidates for mayor, recorder and councilman at the Citizens' convention of our town, held December 21, 1915, to serve if elected for the year, 1916, and having consented to accept said nomination, we respectfully solicit and ask your favorable support and vote at the coming election to be held in our town on Thursday, January 6, 1916.

For the further information of voters we wish to state that we have been citizens and taxpayers of Amazon, W. Va., for several years. We are in the prime of life and take active interest in our growing and attractive town. We take pride and give hearty support to all civic and public improvements, including our schools, churches and all social reforms that contribute to the betterment of our community.

The candidate for mayor has been twice honored by election to the office of recorder and has filled the position with credit and efficiency. He is thoroughly familiar with all matters pertaining to the welfare of our town. This especially fits him for the office of mayor, in view of the action that has been taken with a view of permanent improvements. He honored his election to the respective offices, for which we have been nominated, we pledge our very best attention and ability in the administration of the town's affairs and the enforcement of all laws and ordinances in the interest of public welfare with justice to all and without fear or special favors.

Thanking our friends and supporters, we beg to remain,

Respectfully,

W. V. BUTCHISON, Candidate for mayor.

D. L. SWIGER, Candidate for recorder.

WILLIAM CARP, First ward.

R. E. ALEXANDER, Second ward.

C. B. WYCKOFF, Third ward.

W. C. BARTON, Fourth ward.

DR. D. L. LEECH, Fifth ward.

Candidates for councilman.